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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Contracting Officer

SUBJECT : Installation of an Additional Telephone at
Edwards AFB Under Lockheed Sponsorship

1. As I indicated to you verbally the other day during my recent visit to Edwards AFB last week, Colonel Perkins and I discussed at length the question of installing a commercial telephone in his office on the flight line, separate and apart from the Mutual 9035 Los Angeles number which was previously installed under the apparent sponsorship of Lockheed.

25X1A2g 2. Requirement for this additional instrument stems, in large part, from the necessity of communicating many times daily with the test equipment located at Daggett Air Base, Barstow, California where our [REDACTED] flight test equipment is located. To call Daggett Air Base without going into the Edwards switch board requires the use of the Mutual 9035 number which, being a Lockheed exchange, means that the call to Daggett is charged at long distance rates as though the caller were in Los Angeles - some 135 miles away from Daggett. A comparison of the rates show that an average call from Edwards to Daggett costs \$.85, while the same call on the Mutual number costs \$1.25 if not usually higher.

3. I believe on the grounds of security - if there is indeed any true security on the telephone - plus economy, we can justify the cost of \$7.00 to install this Edwards exchange instrument, plus \$4.84 per month for unlimited local calls with toll calls extra. However, because of Air Force regulations stating that neither Col Perkins as an individual nor WRSP(4) as a unit can have a number at the flight line which does not funnel through the base switch board, it is necessary for us to go through Lockheed and request that they be identified with the telephone company as the sponsor of this instrument and responsible for the charges levied against it.

25X1A5a2 4. On Friday, 28 June, Col Perkins indicated that he would have Mr. Cecil Hinson of his Commo group, approach the Lockheed Communications people and request that they engineer this installation. I told Col Perkins that I would check with you and ask that you notify [REDACTED] of your approval of the costs incident to this installation under the appropriate contract number. In this case, I would assume that it would be SP-1915.

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5. Colonel Perkins has also requested, and we have approved, an accessory to the proposed Edwards number known as a "talk-a-phone", which is an amplifier operated in conjunction with the telephone permitting a group in conference to listen to the remarks of an individual at the other end of a line, as well as to answer him without the necessity of picking up the instrument. This is similar to an installation in General Cabell's office for the same purpose. In view of the number of conference call requirements originating in either Headquarters or at Daggett for the people at Edwards, I believe this to be a justifiable expense and I have told Col Perkins that we would approve it. The charge for this is \$4.50 per month rental, plus \$20.00 installation fee. Mr. Hinson is also arranging with Lockheed to have this accessory installed at the same time the instrument is put in, and under Lockheed sponsorship for the same reason.

6. You will be interested to note that I have discussed these two items with [REDACTED] - all of whom concur in the expenditure of the necessary funds to obtain these services. I would appreciate it if you would send me an information copy of your memorandum to [REDACTED] so that I will know that action has been taken.

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